

East Central (4) Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB)  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, May 29, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Saint Francis Hospital Muskogee  
300 Rockefeller Drive • Muskogee, OK 74401

The East Central (4) Regional Trauma Advisory Board regular meeting notice was posed on the OSDH website located at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/licensing-inspections/emergency-systems/trauma-division/rtabs-regional-trauma-advisory-boards-/region-4-rtab.html> as well as the Secretary of State's website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/legacy/search.aspx> on 11/26/24.

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order.....Tricia Fleming, Chair  
Tricia Fleming called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions.....Tricia Fleming, Chair
3. Roll Call.....Jeff Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Air Evac Lifeteam- Henryetta- Sherri McKeown	Adair County EMS
Cherokee Nation EMS-Jeff Jackson	Coweta Fire Department EMS
Cherokee Nation W.W. Hasting- Lori Taylor	Checotah EMS
Creek County EMS – Kerry Harlin	Carrus Lakeside Hospital
James Campbell, DO	Cornerstone Hospital of Oklahoma
Hastings EMS – Lori Taylor	Drumright Regional Hospital
Air Evac Lifeteam 83 – Muskogee-Mark Forrest	Haskell County Community Hospital
Memorial Hospital of Stilwell-Alan Adams	Hillcrest Hospital Henryetta
Muskogee County EMS-Tricia Fleming	Mannford Ambulance Service
Mercy Lifeline 4- Sam Murray	Muskogee (Creek) Nation Medical
Northeastern Health -Sequoyah -Ozalena Martinez	Tulsa Life Flight – Pryor Sub-Station
Northeastern Health System-Stephanie Collins	Tulsa Life flight 5 – Okmulgee
Northeastern Heath System EMS- Mike Cates	
Okmulgee County EMS-James Nichols	
Saint Francis Hospital Muskogee-Jennifer Thompson	
Pafford EMS of OK-Sequoyah – Michelle Cruz	
Wagoner EMS -Jim Roberts	
Wagoner Community Hospital – Jim Robert	

First Flight Tahlequah-Mark Forrest	
MERC/RMRS-Sam Murray	

4. Approval of February 27, 2025, meeting minutes.....Tricia Fleming, Chair  
James Campbell moved to approve February 27, 2025 minutes and seconded by Mike Cates. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air Evac Lifeteam – Henryetta		
Cherokee Nation EMS		
Cherokee Nation W.W. Hastings Hospital		
James Campbell, DO		
Memorial Hospital of Stilwell		
Muskogee County EMS		
Northeastern Health – Sequoyah		
Northeastern Health System EMS		
Okmulgee County EMS		
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5. Reports

- Quality Improvement Committee: case reviews, trends.....Dr. James Campbell, Chair  
CQI did meet this quarter- The State Department is currently meeting with all of the chairs to discuss the up and coming CQI issue. Norma volunteered to take on CQI so is updating everything and in constant communications with the RTAB's and how to get information out to the chairs. CQI is moving forward but the State is looking at all the statutes and rules to make sure the State is not overreaching boundaries, sending out PHI and doing what the law states. CQI meetings will be coming in the next quarter if there are cases.
- Regional Planning Committee: systems issues, trauma plan, resource assessment, board operations, education/training opportunities.....Mark Forrest, Chair  
The RPC did not meet today due to not meeting quorum. They plan to meet next quarter and people are welcome to join the meeting.
- Regional Medical Response System: Healthcare coalition, healthcare plans  
.....Sam Murray, Coordinator  
A dialysis center went down for a few days due to power issues, so an alternative was found for them. Region 3 had a surgical extraction two weeks ago and a successful field amputation was done, all went well.

6. Stroke System of Care: OSSSAC/OSSCAR, stroke plans, national initiatives

.....Jennifer Thompson, Stroke Liaison  
Jennifer Thompson said a survey had been done in the fall. There was very little participation. Please do the survey if you have not so we can get better data. There is a push for large vessel occlusions readings to be included in the reports. It is recommended by the stroke liaisons to use the Stroke VAN to record. There is still work being done to make stroke systems standardized for the entire state. TNKase was approved in March, 2025 by the FDA. The next stroke coordinator meeting will be

June 4, 2025 at Yale. In September there will be another one offered at St. Johns, and in December 2025 it will be at OU. St. Francis is having their 8<sup>th</sup> annual stroke symposium on Friday, September 19, 2025 so be sure to sign up.

7. EMS for Children: grant and training.....Sarah Connally, Grant Administrator  
There has been a 65% cut in funding this year so unable to offer free trainings in the rural communities. EMS for Children is here for agencies as a resource so feel free to reach out.
8. Dr. Shellenberg had a presentation on Brain Injury Guidelines (BIG) and needle decompression. It was very informative, and questions were answered at the end of the presentation which Discussion took place with Dr. Shellenberger asking, “do all brain injury patients need to be transferred to a major hospital?” If a patient is severely altered, GCS of 4, they are going to have a big head bleed. Most patients have very small head bleeds a few mm in width and do not need to be transferred. The physician can call a stroke hospital and talk to the Physician, but most can be observed for a few hours in the ED and sent home. They do not need to be admitted, and do not need a neurosurgery consult, they do not need seizure medication prescribed. The goal is to have them follow up at their home clinic. Prehospital treatment is not really going to change.  
More discussion took place over this issue and the goal is to get every region on board with this and get it state-wide.
9. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote regarding the proposal at the May 7, 2025 OTERAC meeting to change the number of yearly RTAB meetings.....Tricia Fleming, Chair  
A discussion took place and it was decided by the group to keep yearly RTAB meetings for Region 4 quarterly. Mike Cates moved to keep the yearly RTAB’s to quarterly and seconded by James Nichols seconded. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air Evac Lifeteam – Henryetta		
Cherokee Nation EMS		
Cherokee Nation WW Hastings Hospital		
James Campbell, DO		
		Memorial Hospital of Stilwell
Muskogee County EMS		
Northeastern Health – Sequoyah		
Northeastern Health System EMS		
Okmulgee County EMS		
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10. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote to recommend requirements for PCR completion for both ground and air prehospital agencies in Region 4.....Tricia Fleming, Chair  
A discussion took place and it was decided to close the discussion since this is an agency decision. Tricia Fleming moved to close the discussion and seconded by Mike Cates seconded. The motion carried as follows:

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11. New Business

No New business

12. Public Comment

OU Health has a stroke symposium on August 23, 2025 which is free. This will be in person and not available online.

13. Next Meeting

- August 28, 2025 – 1 p.m. – Saint Francis Muskogee. Please come to the RPC meeting at 10:00 a.m. and bring your wish list. Last year everything was accomplished we worked on last year.

14. Adjourn - 2:13 pm

Dr. Campbell moved to adjourn and seconded by Mike Cates seconded. The motion carried as follows:

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